

# The Holbrook News

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HOLBROOK, NAVAJO COUNTY, ARIZONA, FRIDAY, JULY 7, 1916.

G. M. BRAXTON, Proprietor.

## MAN KILLS WIFE AND SELF

James Johnson, Proprietor of the White Help Restaurant in Holbrook, Murders His Wife and Commits Suicide

A telephone message received by the sheriff's office Wednesday morning about 11 o'clock stated that a double tragedy had been enacted that morning on the Taylor and Pinedale road, about one mile southwest of Taylor. Undersheriff Clemons secured an automobile and, accompanied by Dr. J. W. Bazell, made a fast drive to Taylor. Here he found that James Johnson had killed his wife by shooting her in the left breast and had afterwards shot himself in the head and then taken an ounce of carbolic acid.

Johnson and his wife left Holbrook Tuesday morning for Pinedale, where they remained overnight. They were accompanied by their ten year old daughter. According to the story told by the child at the coroner's inquest held by E. T. Hatch, justice of the peace, at Taylor, where the bodies were taken as soon as the child gave the alarm, her parents had been quarrelling from the time they left Pinedale until they reached the crossroads near Taylor. At this point Johnson told his wife, who was driving, to stop the car and they would settle their trouble. When the car was stopped Johnson drew a small 38 caliber revolver and said he would shoot himself. However he changed his mind and started shooting at his wife who had jumped from the car. Two shots went wild and then Johnson leaped from the car, caught his wife with his left hand and with his right fired a bullet into her left breast. Her death was probably instantaneous as the bullet evidently pierced the heart.

After shooting his wife Johnson carried her body into the shadow of the car, gave his money and some letters to his little daughter and told her to go to Taylor to a relative's home. He then attempted to kill himself by firing the last shot in the gun into the right side of his head near the temple. The bullet glanced and made only a slight wound. Johnson then walked to a cedar stump about 40 yards from the car, hid the gun and returned to his wife's body. He then drank about an ounce of carbolic acid and laid down to die. Here he was found by people who had been notified of the tragedy by the little girl. He was not dead when found but died shortly after being taken to Taylor.

The unfortunate victims of this double tragedy came to Holbrook about two weeks ago from Globe and purchased the White Help Restaurant from C. H. Wisdom, who had purchased the establishment from them a year previously. That Johnson had for some time meditated upon the course he took Wednesday morning is evident from the fact that early last week he purchased the revolver and the carbolic acid. Also the letters he had written to his little daughter bore the date of June 28, and told her partly of his plans.

That the man had gone insane from brooding over business and family matters is the only charitable construction that can be placed upon his rash acts. Funeral and burial occurred Thursday at Pinedale.

## Regular Meeting of Supervisors

The regular monthly meeting of the board of county supervisors was held this week in the board room in Holbrook.

Monday the supervisors sat as a board of equalization, and listened to the protests of taxpayers whose assessments had been raised at the June meeting. Many increases had been made and many persons appeared and asked that the increase be lowered. In many cases this was done by the board, while in other cases the increase was allowed to stand.

At this meeting a number of bridge builders submitted bids for the construction of the various county bridges provided for by the \$63,000 bond issue.

These bids were opened and were passed to the county engineer with instructions to report at the next regular meeting of the board, which will be August 7.

The board adjourned for the Fourth and met again Wednesday morning, when the routine business of auditing and allowing demands against the county was transacted.

Thursday the board considered the two applications for a franchise for a water and sewerage system in Holbrook, and finally granted a franchise to the Holbrook Light & Power Co. Julius Wetzler, the other applicant for a franchise for a water system, withdrew his application and was granted permission by the board to construct a private sewer system to accommodate his own property.

The board passed a resolution increasing the annual salaries of justice of the peace in Holbrook and Winslow. The salary of the justice in Holbrook was increased from \$360 per year to \$1000 per year; that of the justice in Winslow was increased from \$900 to \$1000 per year. The increase will not become effective until January 1, 1917.

The supervisors have held several night sessions during the week, and today they are finishing the work of auditing the quarterly report of the treasurer, and other county officials. The session will end late today.

## Independence Day in Holbrook

Independence day was a quiet one in Holbrook. The town was deserted by everybody who had the price, or the inclination, to leave. Some went to Prescott, others to Flagstaff and a fair size crowd went to Springerville, at all of which places big celebrations occurred. Snowflake and St. Joseph, where small celebrations were held, also drew a number of people from this vicinity, and in the afternoon, practically all persons who had not gone some place else went to the tamarack grove, east of town, and spent the afternoon and evening in a picnic.

No serious accidents were reported from any of the celebration, excepting from the picnic in the tamarack grove. At this place Judge D. J. Thomas suffered a badly sprained ankle, the result of an attempt to make a home-run in a base ball game which had been matched by himself and Attorney C. H. Jordan.

It seems that in Judge Thomas' club women players predominated over those in Attorney Jordan's club, and in order to remove the handicap of his club in running bases, Judge Thomas very gallantly volunteered to run the bases for all the ladies who hit the ball. It was in pursuance of this laudable undertaking that he sprained his left ankle and since then has been walking with the aid of a cane. His accident, according to Judge Thomas' version, made the victory of Jordan's club possible.

## School District Boundary Fixed

At a special meeting of the board last Saturday the supervisors affirmed the change made by County Superintendent Peterson in the west boundary line of the Holbrook school district.

For some years the location of this line has been uncertain, owing to incomplete records of previous changes. In order to definitely fix the line Professor Peterson decided to take the necessary steps at this time, and he accordingly established the west line two miles west of the Holbrook townsite, which places it a little west of LaRoux, wash. The action of the county superintendent was ratified by the board Saturday.

By the boundary lines now

regularly and legally established, the Holbrook district has 22 miles of railroad within its boundaries; St. Joseph has 10 miles and Manila 4 miles.

## Shepherd Surrenders Himself

Last Saturday Max Cantaro, a shepherd who shot and seriously injured Antonio Martinez, a companion herder, June 4 at the camp of Frank Galsary & Co., near Dry Lake in this county, came into Holbrook and surrendered himself to Undersheriff Clemons.

The day after the shooting occurred Undersheriff Clemons visited the scene. Cantaro had disappeared and Mr. Clemons decided that the best way to effect his arrest was to create the impression that the sheriff's office would not make much effort to find him, as he probably shot Martinez in self defense. This the undersheriff did, and the result of this diplomacy was that Cantaro gave himself up to the sheriff's office Saturday.

Cantaro will be given a preliminary examination before Judge Boyer some time today. Martinez has fully recovered from his wounds and has left the county. In the absence of the prosecuting witness Cantaro may be discharged from custody.

## Wanted--To Purchase "Great American Lawyers"

\$20.00 will be paid for a set of "Great American Lawyers," in half morocco binding, bible paper if delivered at my office within ten days.

THORWALD LARSON,  
Holbrook, Arizona.  
July 7, 1916-2w.

## Constipation and Indigestion

"I have used Chamberlain's tablets and must say they are the best I have ever used for constipation and indigestion. My wife also used them for indigestion and they did her good," writes Eugene S. Knight, Wilmington, N. C. Chamberlain's tablets are mild and gentle in their action. Give them a trial. You are certain to be pleased with the agreeable laxative effect which they produce. Obtainable everywhere. Adv.

R. D. Greer returned Saturday from a short business trip to Phoenix.

How about paints and roofing paper? See Wetzler's.

Sheriff R. L. Newman is attending the republican state convention in Prescott this week.

Elmer A. Miner and bride have rented the B. B. Crosby cottage for the summer.

The saw mill at Lakeside has been sold to J. F. Treat, an experienced mill man from Flagstaff.

See the new line of serving trays and the largest assortment of glasses ever shown in Holbrook at Wetzler's.

Frank A. Zuck, wife and daughter, have gone to White River for three weeks of trout fishing.

W. A. Saunders of St. Johns, manager of the Long H. Cattle Co., was in Holbrook Saturday to attend the meeting of the cattle association, and remained several days afterwards to attend to other business matters.

Get your lawn mower, garden hose, etc., at Wetzler's now.

A meeting of the Navajo-Apache Stockgrowers Association was held in the superior court room in Holbrook last Saturday afternoon. The attendance was good and many questions of interest to the members were discussed, aside from the transaction of routine business.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Cooley and Dr. Inez Smith, returned Wednesday night from a trip to the Grand Canyon by automobile. The party left Holbrook Saturday making the round trip journey without mishap of any kind.

Folger's makes the best ice tea. Sold at Wetzler's.

In this issue of the News appears for the first time the announcement of the candidacy of Fay I. Gardner for reelection to the office of county assessor of Navajo county. Mr. Gardner is now serving his first term as assessor; during his first term he has by diligent search succeeded in adding nearly one-half million dollars in property to the tax-roll, thereby equalizing the burden of taxation upon every property owner in the county. For with more property upon which taxes are paid, the rate per hundred can be lowered. Mr. Gardner's idea is to give every one a square deal; to see that every taxpayer pays his just proportion of taxes, and no more, and to see that property is listed for taxation in the proper school districts. The friends of Mr. Gardner believe that he is entitled to re-nomination by the democrats in the county, and to a reelection by the voters in November.

Geo. A. Olney, democratic candidate for governor of Arizona, accompanied by W. T. Webb, ex-speaker of the lower house of the state assembly, spent several days in this county this week. Part of this time Mr. Olney was confined to his room in Hotel Holbrook by an attack of indigestion, consequently did not meet as many people as he wished to meet. Mr. Webb, who is assisting Mr. Olney in his campaign, stated to the News editor that he felt very confident of Mr. Olney's nomination. The party went to Springerville Tuesday to attend the celebration of Independence day, and will visit this county again before the campaign closes.

T. M. Quebedeaux and K. H. Myers, of Gallup, spent several days this week in Holbrook looking after their various business interests. Mr. Quebedeaux is vice president of the Arizona State Bank of Winslow, and was in that town Wednesday. Mr. Myers is secretary of the Holbrook Light & Power company and Mr. Quebedeaux is president of this company. The gentlemen came over by automobile and left for the return trip yesterday afternoon.

The Holbrook base ball club was defeated by the Springerville club Wednesday morning in the game played at Springerville by a score of 15 to 14. The Holbrook club played only about half of its regular men, and even then would have won had it not been for errors made by some of the players in the last inning.

The Elks Follies in Winslow during the second week in August is next on the program for gala events in this section. From August 7 to 13 Winslow will be decorated in the brightest of colors and there will not be a dull minute during the six days. Everybody who can do so should arrange to attend.

Large numbers of people from Winslow, Snowflake and other sections of the county were in Holbrook last Monday to protest against the increase made in their assessments by the county board of equalization. Many of them were successful in having their assessments changed back to the original figures.

Albert Warren, Holbrook's old established tailor, cleans and reblocks Panama and felt hats in the best style. He also cleans and presses clothing, and does all work in first-class shape. Give him a trial. Adv.

A Vandervort, the veteran wool buyer of Boston, closed his season's business in Holbrook last Saturday, and Sunday left for the east.

C. Hess, Jr., and family are down from their country home near Heber for a few days' visit with friends.

Try to buy your monthly supply of groceries at Wetzler's and save good money.

D. A. Close and L. A. Leopold have gone to a resort in New Mexico to take treatment for lead poisoning.

Rev. J. M. White, Congregational minister of Winslow, will preach in the Holbrook M. E. church next Sunday.

A company of Hawaiian musicians gave a very pleasing performance at the Pastime theater last Friday night.

See the Challenge engine in operation at Wetzler's. A child can operate it and it is easily kept in order.

Note change in the advertisements of L. Cadwell Co., the Holbrook Mercantile Co. and the Schuster Co. in this week's issue of the News.

Like everything else the price of pianos will advance considerably in a short time, and it will pay you to investigate our plan of selling pianos. Wetzler Supply Co.

J. H. Fuller, an old time cattleman of this county, has disposed of all his interest here and with his family will make his future home in San Diego.

Attorney F. W. Nelson and son spent Saturday and Sunday in Holbrook, when enroute to their home in St. Johns from a trip through the eastern states.

Real fancy fruit to arrive at Wetzler's today.

J. W. Masters has just finished drilling a fine well for L. M. Savage at Woodruff. The well is 195 feet deep and has 150 feet of good water.

E. J. Marty returned to Holbrook Thursday evening with Mrs. Marty and her baby boy born a few weeks ago in Pasadena, Cal., where Mrs. Marty was visiting relatives.

Delicious watermelons at 2 1/2 cents per pound at Wetzler's.

Bud Howell, the well known cattleman of Navajo, was in Holbrook Wednesday to meet his family who had been sojourning for several weeks in Los Angeles.

Mrs. Hetty Green, the world's wealthiest woman, died last Monday at her home in New York. She was 82 years old and her wealth is estimated at a hundred million dollars.

Complete stock of pumps and fittings received at Wetzler's.

Fourteen young men left Holbrook yesterday morning for Phoenix, where they will reenlist in the state militia. Most of the men belonged to the Snowflake company which had two years ago been placed on the reserve list.

Mrs. Lloyd C. Henning and daughter will leave next week to visit relatives in Ohio. Mrs. C. Hess, Jr., expects to accompany Mrs. Henning, provided she recovers from an illness that has kept her confined to her room for several days.

Inspect the new line of trunks and traveling bags, moderate priced, at Wetzler's.

Engineer J. S. Barlow returned last Thursday from Navajo, where he had been looking after bridge and road work. The new bridge over the Rio Puerco at that point is finished and ready for travel. It is a three-span wooden structure and is 215 feet long. St. Johns Observer.

W. R. Scorse arrived in Holbrook last evening from Ocean Park, Cal., where he has been spending the past month with his family. Mrs. Scorse and the children will remain in Ocean Park for another month and will be joined there by Mr. Scorse after he has attended to some business matters here.

Try to buy your monthly supply of groceries at Wetzler's and save good money.

Mrs. M. P. Cousins very charmingly entertained the members of the Elderly Ladies Club, Wednesday afternoon. During the afternoon a delicious ice course was served her guests. The hostess was assisted in receiving by her daughter, Miss Moncreiff Cousins, and Miss Lucy Chamberlain. In addition to the regular members present were Mrs. Close, Mrs. Settle, Mrs. Neel and Mrs. Christenson.

## Office Seekers' Column

The News solicits for publication in this column the announcements of candidates of all parties for political office.

A charge of \$10 each will be made for publication of such announcements until the primary election September 12, 1916. An additional charge of \$5 will be made for such publication from the date of the primary until the general election in November. In every case payment for the publication must be made in advance.

Reading notices will be published under the head of "advertisement" at the rate of one cent per word per insertion.—Editor.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for re-election to the office of sheriff of Navajo county, Arizona, subject to the decision of the republican primary election to be held September 12, 1916.

R. L. NEWMAN, Sheriff.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of sheriff of Navajo county, Arizona, subject to the decision of the democratic primary election September 12, 1916.

JOS. F. WOODS.

I hereby announce my candidacy for nomination to the office of County Recorder of Navajo county, Arizona, subject to the decision of the democratic primaries September 12, 1916.

DEE M. MOSS.

I hereby announce my candidacy for nomination to the office of County Treasurer of Navajo county, Arizona, subject to the decision of the democratic primaries September 12, 1916.

J. W. RICHARDS.

I hereby announce my candidacy for nomination to the office of Superintendent of Schools of Navajo county, Arizona, subject to the decision of the democratic primaries September 12, 1916.

JOSEPH PETERSON.

I hereby announce my candidacy for nomination to the office of County Assessor of Navajo county, Arizona, subject to the decision of the democratic primaries September 12, 1916.

FAY I. GARDNER.

Mrs. D. J. Thomas and daughter Rachael expect to leave Saturday for a short visit with friends in Gallup.

Dr. Walter G. Hough, of the Smithsonian Institute at Washington, is in Holbrook visiting relatives and old friends. Dr. Hough is a brother-in-law of Frank A. Zuck.

Mrs. Christensen and son, of Phoenix, are guests at the home of Mrs. C's brother, Attorney Thorwald Larson. They will spend the summer here.

James Scott and his daughter, Mrs. Bazell, returned Saturday from a business trip to Prescott, and are now at Hotel Holbrook. Mr. Scott is suffering from an attack of appendicitis and will probably go to a hospital in a few weeks for an operation.

Try a loaf of the Holbrook Bakery's Cream Nut health bread. Home-made candies and all kinds of pies and cakes made to order. Adv.

Ignacio Bazan, the Silver Creek ranchman, left here Wednesday evening for Phoenix, where he will have his eyes treated. He accompanied H. H. Scorse, who went to look after his farming interests in that valley.

## Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy

Every family without exception should keep this preparation at hand during the hot weather of the summer months. Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy is worth many times its cost when needed and is almost certain to be needed before the summer is over. It has no superior for the purposes for which it is intended. Buy it now. Obtainable everywhere. Adv.

## The Camel

When man first saw the camel, he was so frightened at its vast size that he fled away. After a time, perceiving the meekness and gentleness of its temper, he summoned courage enough to approach him. Soon afterwards, observing that he was an animal altogether deficient in spirit, he assumed such boldness as to put a bridle in his mouth, and to set a child to drive him. Use serves to overcome dread.—From Aesop's Fables.

Under the Oilcloth. Oilcloth when used to cover tables will last much longer if the tables first be covered with paper, well rubbed with machine oil to keep the under side of the oilcloth moist.

Poor Kind of Sympathy. Sympathy that begins and ends in lip service is of little help to any of us.

We understand that the big White Tractor truck, which is now in use on the highway this side of Springerville, is giving the best of satisfaction and has finally been bought by the county at a cost of about \$5,000. Before closing the deal the road commissioners and county supervisors gave the machine a thorough try-out.—St. Johns Observer.

Delicious watermelons at 2 1/2 cents per pound at Wetzler's.

There was a light sprinkle of rain in Holbrook last night about 10 o'clock. It was not sufficient to settle the dust, but simply demonstrated the fact that it is possible for a little moisture to fall. The indications are that more will follow and the five months' drought may be broken.

The annual snake dance of the Hopi Indians will be held this year in August. The dance will be more elaborate this year than ever before and will occur at the Indian villages of Oraibi and Huala Villa. A large number of Holbrook people will probably attend.

Buy your steel tank now at Wetzler's.

Last Saturday Wm. Daze, Jr., assumed the duties of postmaster of Winslow, a position to which he was appointed a few months ago by President Wilson. He is the first democratic postmaster Winslow has had in more than 18 years. Miss Mahoney, the retiring postmistress, having held the office for that length of time.